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KC MAN INDICTED FOR CONSPIRACY TO DISTRIBUTE COCAINE, ILLEGAL POSSESSION OF FIREARM

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for conspiring to distribute cocaine and illegally possessing a firearm.

Gerald Woods, 34, of Kansas City, was charged in a three-count indictment returned by a federal grand jury in Kansas City.

Count One of the federal indictment alleges that **Woods** conspired to distribute cocaine between July 13, 2003, and July 13, 2004.

Count Two of the federal indictment alleges that **Woods** illegally carried a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that **Woods** was in possession of an Interarms semi-automatic 9 mm handgun on July 13, 2004, in Kansas City. Under federal law, Graves explained, it is illegal for a person to carry a firearm during and in relation to a drug trafficking crime. The indictment alleges that at the time **Woods** carried the firearm he was involved in a conspiracy to distribute cocaine.

Count Three of the federal indictment is a forfeiture count and would require **Woods** to forfeit any proceeds derived as a result of the conspiracy to distribute cocaine, including approximately \$2,079 seized from him on July 13, 2004.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney W. Brent Powell. The case was investigated by the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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